

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT**

P.S. - Panchayat Raj Engineering Department – Allegations of irregularities committed in execution of the certain road works in Mahabubnagar District against Sri V. Venkateswara Rao, former Executive Engineer, PR, Mahabubnagar presently working as Superintending Engineer, PR, Medak – Disciplinary proceedings initiated under Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 – Article of Charges – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 1998

Dated: 03.11.2012

Read:

ORDER:

It is proposed to hold an inquiry against Sri V. Venkateswara Rao, former Executive Engineer, PR, Mahabubnagar presently working as Superintending Engineer, PR, Medak in accordance with the procedure laid down in rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Service (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charges (Annexure-I). A list of documents by which and list of witnesses, by whom, the articles of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-II and III).

3. Sri V. Venkateswara Rao, former Executive Engineer, PR, Mahabubnagar presently working as Superintending Engineer, PR, Medak, is directed to submit within ten (10) days of the receipt of this order, a written statement of his defence.

4. Sri V. Venkateswara Rao, former Executive Engineer, PR, Mahabubnagar presently working as Superintending Engineer, PR, Medak, is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri V. Venkateswara Rao, former Executive Engineer, PR, Mahabubnagar presently working as Superintending Engineer, PR, Medak, is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para 3 above or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 or the order/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiry Authority may hold the inquiry against him ex parte.

6. Attention of Sri V. Venkateswara Rao, former Executive Engineer, PR, Mahabubnagar presently working as Superintending Engineer, PR, Medak, is invited to Rule 24 of the A.P. Civil Service (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with these proceedings it will be presumed that he is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of rule 24 of the A.P. Civil Service (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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7. The receipt of this G.O. shall be acknowledged forthwith.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

C.R. BISWAL
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (PR)

To

Sri V. Venkatesara Rao, former Executive Engineer, PR, Mahabubnagar
presently working as Superintending Engineer, PR, Medak
through the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Hyderabad.

The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Hyderabad.

(with a request to serve and return the acknowledged copy and W.S.D.)

Copy to :

The General Administration (V&E) Department

The Secretary to V.C., APVC, Hyderabad.

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ANNEXURE-I

Statement showing the Article of Charges against Sri V. Venkateswara Rao, former Executive Engineer, PR, Mahabubnagar .

CHARGE:

That Sri V. Venkateswara Rao, former Executive Engineer, PR, Mahabubnagar has committed certain irregularities in execution of following road works in Mahabubnagar District.

- I. Metalling Road from ZP Road to Gudibanda Thanda, H/o. Nerellapally of Balanagar (M), Mahabubnagar district (Sanctioned under MP LADs by the Collector with an estimated cost of Rs.6.00 Lakhs).
- II. Metalling Road from Raghavapur to Vailkunta Thanda (Via) Kurvi Thanda of Balanagar (M) of Mahaboobnagar district (Sanctioned under MP LADs by the Collector with an estimated cost of Rs.6.00 Lakhs).
- III. Providing BT on ZP Road from NH 7 to Veerannapally Thanda @ 1/9 to Chokkampet of Balangar (M) Mahaboobnagar District (Sanctioned vide G.O.Rt.No.1317, PR&RD (Progms.II) Dept., dt:29.08.2008 with an estimated cost of Rs.247.10 Lakhs) and as he has
 - a) Allowed and made the payment to the work which was not executed by colluding with the AE and DEE and drawn an amount of Rs.84,355/-.
 - b) Allowed and made the payment for the 65mm metal collection which was not executed by colluding with the AE and DEE and drawn the amount in advance.
 - c) Recommended payment for sub-standard quality of WBM work resulting into rejection of metal layer from KM 1/000 to KM 1/120.

BASIS:

The V&E Dept. made the following observations vide Vigilance Report No.49 (C.No.380/V&E/E2/2010), dt:30.06.2011.

Work 1). Metalling Road from Z.P. Road to Gudibanda Thanda, H/o. Nerellapally of Balanagar (M) of Mahaboobnagar district.

- a) Gravel Base record in Measurement Book for 720Cum in KM 0/0 to KM 1/200 was not observed during inspection for which an amount of Rs.1,18,706/- is proposed as recovery. The then AE, Sri Suleman recorded the Gravel collection for gravel base without executing the work and the DEE, Sri Ch, Rasheed, done the check measurement and the then EE, Sri V. Venkateswara Rao, made the payment directly to the DEE, since the work is executed by the Dept. The entire amount already paid to the DEE towards gravel base item should be recovered from the departmental officers i.e., AE, Sri Suleman, and DEE Sri Ch. Rasheed and EE Sri V. Venkateswara Rao, duly initiating disciplinary action against him.
- b) Further on physical observation and on local enquiry, it is found that the 65mm HBG metal was collected subsequently and spreading was done in the month of June 2010 after receipt of the complaint petition from the Villagers.
- c) Deficiency in weight was observed in metal layer metal in KM 0/0 to Km 1/0 (11.59%), KM 1/0 to KM 1/120 (40.63%). An amount of Rs.80,443/- is proposed as recovery towards the deficiency of 11.59% in weight. Since, the deficiency in weight of metal from KM 1/0 to KM 1/120 is 40.63% which more than the allowable of 20%, the metal layer in the reach from KM 1/0 to KM 1/120 is liable for rejection and the rejected value of work is Rs.27,986/-.

d) On overall verification of the work, it is observed that the AE Sri Suleman, DEE Sri Ch. Rasheed and the EE Sri V. Vekateswara Rao colluded with each other and took the advantage of departmental execution, recorded the items of gravel base and 65 mm metal collection in advance without executing the work and drawn the amount of Rs.84,355/- towards gravel base and Rs.61,085/- towards metal collection during August 2006. After receipt of the complaint petition from the Villagers of Gudubanda Thanda The DEE Sri Ch. Rasheed, who is presently working in the PIU SD Mahaboobnagar collected the 65mm metal during June 2010 and consolidated the 65mm metal on war footing basis.

Hence, the allegation that “the DEE, AE without laying of metal road withdrawn the amount” is sustained.

Work 2) Metalling Road from Raghavapur to Vailkunta Thanda (Via) Kurvi Thanda of Balanagar (M) of Mahaboobnagar District.

a) The work was inspected on 29.10.2010 and as on the date of inspection the work was completed. Physical measurements like Width of Carriage Way, Formation Width, thickness of WBM 65mm metal and gravel base layers, were verified at random and failed with the recorded measurements. Tests conducted for the weight of metal reveal satisfactory results.

b) Gradation tests conducted on 65mm metal layer reveal oversize metal in KM 4/0 to 4/930 by 9.08% for which an amount of Rs.5,434/- is proposed as recovery.

Since, the physical measurements, verified at site tallied with the recorded measurements and weight of metal satisfied the relevant standards and oversize in metal is also within the allowable limit, the allegation that “the work was executed with substandard quality” is not substantiated.

Work 3). Providing BT on ZP road from NH7 to Veerannapally Thanda @ 1/9 to Chokkampet of Balanagar (M) of Mahabubnagar District.

a) The work is completed as on the date of inspection, the physical measurements verified at random were tallied with the recorded measurements and no deficiencies in weights of metal is observed.

b) Oversize is observed in 63mm metal in Grade-II metal layer for which an amount of Rs.33,324/- is proposed as recovery. Oversize is observed in 53mm, 45mm metal in Grade-III metal layer for which an amount of Rs.41,081/- is proposed as recovery. No deficiency of bitumen content was observed in the samples extracted from the OGPC layer.

c) Tests conducted on cores extracted from the hardened concrete of CC pavement reveal satisfactory results. A shortfall of 7.33mm in thickness was observed in CC pavement from Km 2/0 to 2/170 for which an amount of Rs.88,195/- is proposed as recovery.

Since, the physical measurements verified at site tallied with the recorded measurements and weight of metal satisfied the relevant standards, oversize in metal is also within the allowable limit, no deficiency in bitumen content the allegation that the work was executed with substandard quality, is not substantiated.

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Therefore, Sri V. Venkateswara Rao, former Executive Engineer, PR, Mahabubnagar has failed to discharge his legitimate duties properly and executed substandard work. Thus his action is in violation of A.P.C.S. (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Hence, the Charge.

C.R. BISWAL
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (PR)

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ANNEXURE-II

List of documents for which the articles of charges are proposed to be sustained

Vig. & Enforcement Report No.49(380/V&E/E2/2010), dt:30-06-2012.

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (PR)**

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ANNEXURE-III

List of witnesses by whom the articles of charges are proposed to be sustained

-Nil-

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